is given in [*See* Appendix 2003 annexure No. 2]. Total public sector investment in the Power Sector (including generation) is estimated to be Rs. 2,85,576.33 crores for 1st Plan to 9th Plan. Figures regarding actual investment by private sector are not maintained.

(c) Yes sir.

(d) A capacity addition of 41,110 MW is targeted for 10th Plan consisting of 22,382 MW in Central Sector, 11,157 MW in State Sector and 7,121 MW in Private Sector. Details of thermal and hydel power projects including cost details are given in [*See* Appendix 2003 Annexure No. 3].

National Electricity Policy

38. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
PROF. M.M. AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the National Electricity Policy is at the final stages of its preparation;

(b) whether the proposed policy gives a clear-cut guidelines on the bidding system for inspection of the private and public sector companies; and

(c) if so, what are the other salient features of the proposed policy?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The draft National Electricity Policy aims at achieving the objectives of providing access to electricity to all households in the next five years, fully meeting the demand of electricity, making available supply of reliable and quality power at reasonable rates, increasing per capita availability to over 1000 units by year 2012, minimum lifeline consumption of 1 unit per household per day, financial turnaround and commercial viability of the sector and protection of consumers' interests.

It addresses the issues of rural electrification, generation, transmission, distribution, recovery of cost of services and targeted subsidies, competition aimed at consumer benefits, technology development, financing, energy conservation, environmental issues,

promotion to non-conventional sources of energy, protection of consumers' interests etc.

Constitution of Tribunal for Settlement of Inter-state disputes for sharing Hydro-Electric Power

39. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposal for the constitution of Tribunal for settlement of Inter-State disputes for sharing hydro-electric power;

(b) if so, whether Government has plan to form such a Tribunal for speedy settlement of inter-State disputes;

(c) if so, by when the Tribunal would be constituted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) There is no proposal under consideration to constitute a Tribunal for the settlement of Inter-State disputes for sharing of Hydro Electric Power amongst states.

Transmission Losses

40. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at present the incidence of transmission losses is 15 per cent and theft of power is around 35 per cent;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to bring down the transmission losses to international standard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that theft of power supply is eliminated so that this national wastage no longer happens?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) As per the information furnished by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) the average transmission and distribution losses in the country for the year 2002-03 are 32.54% which includes theft of power also.